

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-8 and 13-22 without prejudice.

Please add the following claim:

*5* 23. (New) A method for reconfiguring servers in a distributed data processing system, the method comprising the computer-implemented steps of:

dynamically modifying a first set of server names stored on a first server by adding a first server name to the first set of server names, wherein the first server responds to requests directed to the first set of server names;

dynamically modifying a second set of server names stored on a second server by adding a second server name to the second set of server names, wherein the second server responds to requests directed to the second set of server names;

determining that the first server requires reconfiguration; and

dynamically modifying the first set of server names by adding the second server name to the first set of server names.

REMARKS

Claims 9-12 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-8 and 13-22 are canceled; claim 23 is added. An appendix of the current claims is included for the Examiner's convenience. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 102, Anticipation

The examiner has rejected claims 9-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Lim et al., U.S. Patent Number 5,938,732, 08/17/1999, filed 12/09/1996, "Load Balancing and Failover of Network Services", hereinafter referred to as *Lim*. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As to claims 9-11, the Office Action states:

As per claim 9, Lim teaches a method for reconfiguring servers in a distributed data processing system, the method comprising the computer-implemented steps of: